

Introduced by Senators Chesbro and Aanestad

February 1, 2006

An act to amend Section 35401.7 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1224, as introduced, Chesbro. Vehicles: limitations of access.

Existing law exempts from established limitations of access, licensed carriers of livestock when engaged in travel necessary and incidental to the shipment of livestock on specified portions of State Highway Route 101. This exemption is repealed on January 1, 2007.

This bill would delete the January 1, 2007, repeal date, thereby extending the exemption indefinitely. This bill would also delete obsolete language regarding a study.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 35401.7 of the Vehicle Code is
2 amended to read:
3 35401.7. (a) The limitations of access specified in
4 subdivision (d) of Section 35401.5 do not apply to licensed
5 carriers of livestock when those carriers are directly en route to
6 or from a point of loading or unloading of livestock on those
7 portions of State Highway Route 101 located in the Counties of
8 Del Norte, Humboldt, and Mendocino from its junction with
9 State Highway Route 1 near Leggett north to the Oregon border,
10 if the travel is necessary and incidental to the shipment of the
11 livestock.

(b) The exemption allowed under this section does not apply unless both of the following conditions are met:

(1) The length of the truck tractor, in combination with the semitrailer used to transport the livestock, does not exceed a total of 70 feet.

(2) The distance from the kingpin to the rearmost axle of the semitrailer does not exceed 40 feet.

(c) The exemption allowed under this section does not apply to travel conducted on the day prior to, or on the day of, any federally recognized holiday.

~~(d) The Department of the California Highway Patrol, in consultation with the Department of Transportation and in accordance with recommendations from the Department of the California Highway Patrol's study issued on May 1, 2003, of the effects of the statutory exemption, shall continue the comprehensive study on the effect that the exemption provided under this section has on the public safety during the extended effective period of the exemption. The findings of this additional study shall be reported to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2006.~~

~~(e) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2007, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2007, deletes or extends that date.~~